

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bruce Neel (Reg. No. 37,406) on July 29, 2008.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

- See attached paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim **85** as follows:

85. (Currently amended) A method node configured to couple to a plurality of network elements, wherein the plurality of network elements includes a local area network and at least one peripheral electronic device coupled to the local area network, the gateway node comprising:

at least one interface port to receive data packets;

at least one real-time processor ~~operable to~~ configured to perform real-time operations on the data packets; and

at least one application processor ~~operable to~~ configured to perform high level processing functions, wherein the at least one real-time interface processor is coupled between the at least one interface port and the at least one application processor.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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